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DEQ Drinking Water Protection Team moves into Caldwell Parish

BATON ROUGE –The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality recently selected Caldwell Parish as the next stop for its drinking water protection campaign, “Protect Drinking Water One Drop at a Time.” The goal of the program is to increase the public’s awareness and participation in protecting local drinking water sources. Do you know what your drinking water source is and how to protect it? The DEQ Drinking Water Protection Team has the answers to those and many other questions.

The campaign will officially kickoff with the Caldwell Parish Community Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Caldwell Parish Courthouse, 201 Main Street, Columbia. The meeting will outline the program and provide the public the opportunity to get information, talk to the Drinking Water Protection Team members and sign up for a committee. The public is invited to attend and take an active role in ensuring clean drinking water for the future.

DEQ is seeking volunteers to serve on a committee to work with the community in creating a sustainable drinking water protection program. The committee is a locally based planning and action team that will develop and implement drinking water protection activities. Drinking water protection can be as simple as making friends, relatives, neighbors and students aware of their drinking water source and the importance of protecting it. It can also involve the community and local officials in adoption of local ordinances and developing ways to make it easier for residents to dispose of harmful products, such as at a household waste collection day. Volunteers from the Caldwell Parish community will work to help protect and conserve drinking water for future generations.

Help protect your drinking water, one drop at a time. For more information, call 225-219-3510 or go to www.deq.louisiana.gov/aeaps.